

of Health and Human Services; Michael Gabaudan, Regional Representative for the United States of America and the Caribbean, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; C. Richard Parkins, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), on behalf of the Refugee Council USA, and

Khammany Mathavongsy, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center California Projects, both of Washington, D.C.; Maria Teverovsky, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), New York, New York; and Salahuddin Ansary, Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), Portland Oregon.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 4278–4298; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 844–845, were introduced. **Pages H14249–50**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H14250–51**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3526, to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions (H. Rept. 110–472, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3526, to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions (H. Rept. 110–472, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 836, granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into the deaths of 9 individuals that occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah (H. Rept. 110–473); and

H. Res. 846, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6) an Act to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–474). **Pages H14248–49**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H14159, S14224**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Depart-

ment of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page H14163**

Agreed to the Tauscher motion to close portions of the conference by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 1127. **Pages H14169–70**

Agreed to the Hunter motion to instruct conferees by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 328 yeas to 83 nays, Roll No. 1128. **Pages H14163–69, S14170–71**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Taylor, Abercrombie, Reyes, Snyder, Smith (WA), Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Tauscher, Brady (PA), Andrews, Davis (CA), Larsen (WA), Cooper, Marshall, Bordallo, Udall (CO), Hunter, Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett (MD), McKeon, Thornberry, Jones (NC), Hayes, Akin, Forbes, Wilson (SC), Turner, Kline (MN), and Drake. **Page H14182**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Boswell, Patrick J. Murphy (PA), and Hoekstra. **Page H14182**

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of secs. 561, 562, 675, 953, and 3118 of the House bill, and secs. 561, 562, 564, 565, and 3137 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), Courtney, and Walberg. **Page H14182**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 311–313 and 1082 of Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dingell, Wynn, and Barton (TX). **Page H14182**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 831, 833, 1022, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1206–1208, 1221, 1222, 1231, 1241, 1242, Title XIII, and sec. 3117 of the House bill, and secs. 871, 934, 1011, 1201–1203, 1205, 1211, 1212, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1232, Title XIII, secs.

1511, 1512, 1532, 1533, 1539–1542, 1571, 1574–1576, 1579, 3134, and 3139 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Lantos, Ackerman, and Ros-Lehtinen.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thompson (MS), Carney, and Daniel E. Lungren (CA).

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 582, 672, 673, and 850 of the House bill, and secs. 824, 1023, 1024, 1078, 1087, 1571–1574, 1576, 1577, 1579, and Title LII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conyers, Berman, and Smith (TX).

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From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 325, 326, 328–330, 604, 653, 674, 801, 802, 814, 815, 821–824, 1101–1112, 1221, 1231, and 1451 of the House bill, and secs. 366–370, 603, 684, 821, 823, 842, 845, 846, 871, 902, 937, 1064, 1069, 1074, 1093, 1101–1106, 1108, 1540, 1542, and 2851 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waxman, Towns, and Davis (VA).

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From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 846, 1085, and 1088 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Giffords, and Ehlers.

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From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 828, 1085, 1088, 4001, 4002, 4101–4103, 4201–4203, and 4301–4305 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Velázquez, Altmire, and Chabot.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 523 and 1048 of the House bill, and secs. 311–313, 353, 1070, 2853, 2855, 2863, 5101, 5202, and 5208 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Costello, and Graves.

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From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 525, 1421, 1433, and 1453 of the House bill, and secs. 701, 710, 1084, 1611, 1612, 1621, 1626, 1634, 1641, 1654, 1662, and 1702–1712 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Filner, Michaud, and Buyer.

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From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 536 of the Senate amendment,

and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rangel, Stark, and Camp (MI).

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 4th:

*Recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies:* H. Con. Res. 147, to recognize 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1129 and

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*North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007:* H.R. 236, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 358 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 1130.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Including all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions:* H.R. 3526, amended, to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions;

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*Preserving and Expanding Minority Depository Institutions Act:* H.R. 4043, amended, to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to preserve and expand minority depository institutions;

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*Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007:* H.R. 2930, amended, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly;

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*Commending the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for its work of promoting energy efficiency for 30 years:* H. Con. Res. 251, to commend the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for its work of promoting energy efficiency for 30 years;

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*Amending the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections:* S. 2371, amended, to

amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections; **Pages H14184–85**

*Protecting Our Children Comes First Act of 2007*: H.R. 2517, amended, to amend the Missing Children Assistance Act to authorize appropriations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 1132; **Pages H14185–90, S14225–26**

*Securing Adolescents From Exploitation—Online Act of 2007*: H.R. 3791, amended, to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography and to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 1131;

**Pages H14190–93, S14224–25**

*Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2007*: H.R. 1759, amended, to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish arsonist registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national arsonist registry and notification program; **Pages H14193–98**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the hanging of nooses is a horrible act when used for the purpose of intimidation*: H. Res. 826, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the hanging of nooses is a horrible act when used for the purpose of intimidation and which under certain circumstances can be a criminal act that should be thoroughly investigated by Federal law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted;

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*Genocide Accountability Act of 2007*: S. 888, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H14203–07**

*U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007*: H.R. 3690, amended, to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police; **Pages H14207–11**

*Providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution*: S. J. Res. 8, to provide for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H14211–12**

*Recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Port of Los Angeles*: H. Res. 822, amended, to recognize the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Port of Los Angeles, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$

yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1133; and **Pages H14212–17, S14226**

*Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008*: H.R. 4252, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed**: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Securities Law Technical Corrections Act of 2007*: H.R. 3505, amended, to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securities laws and **Pages H14180–82**

*Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act of 2007*: H.R. 4253, to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists. **Pages H14218–23**

**Privileged Resolution**: The House agreed to H. Res. 836, granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into the deaths of 9 individuals that occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah.

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**Recess**: The House recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:52 p.m. **Page H14246**

**Senate Message**: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H14159.

**Senate Referrals**: S. 1327 and S. 863 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H14246**

**Quorum Calls—Votes**: Seven ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14170, H14170–71, H14171, H14172, H14224–25, H14225, and H14226. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment**: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS

*Committee on Armed Services*: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Provincial Reconstruction Teams—Historical and Current Perspectives on Doctrine and Strategy. Testimony was